

# Thank You

## What a Ride

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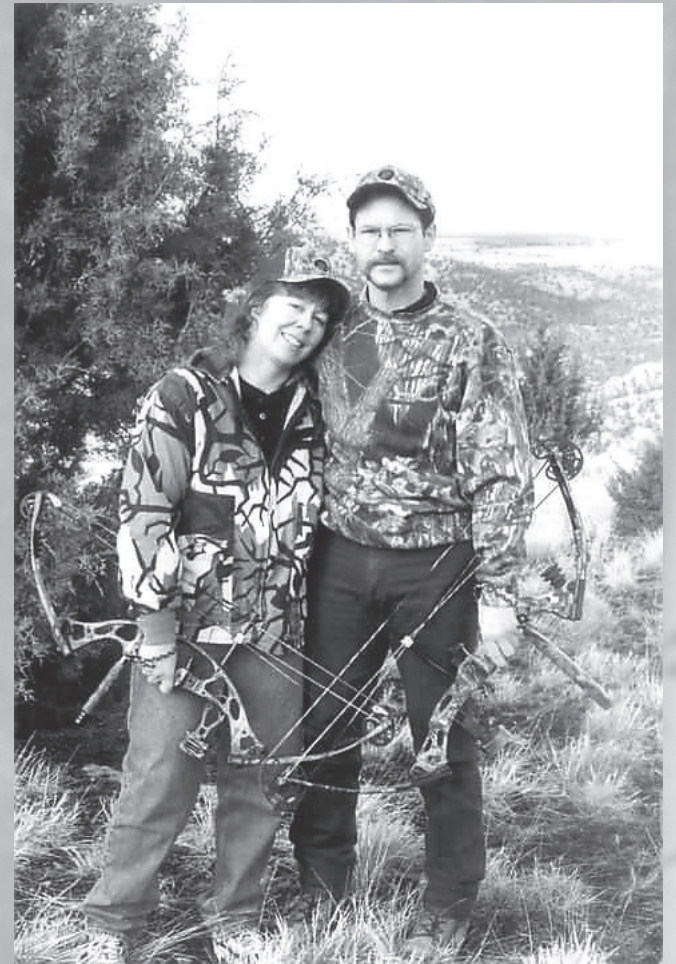
She was going through some papers, when something caught her eye,  
A small note book lay open, with words that began to pry  
Her curiosity to read them. Seemed to over take her mind,  
As unsaid words from her husband lay for her to find.  
She sat there for a moment, then silently read,  
These words upon the paper which silently said.

If I were gone tomorrow, and words I couldn't say,  
I would want them written down, so with these words I pray.  
There are a few things I am certain of in my busy life,  
The love of the hunt, friends and family, especially my wife.  
My family who tries to understand and are a special part,  
Of what I stand for and who I am, they are passion in my heart.  
And my wife whose love and dedication to see me through  
In all my quests and medication, she is there in all I do.

And it's not the thrill of the kill that give me passion and drive,  
It is being free and mother nature that makes me come alive.  
To push myself up one more canyon. The taste of mountain air,  
My friends who challenge me, along with the stories that we share.  
Or to spend a week or two or three among the juniper and pine  
Hear the elk, see the land, it all sends shivers up my spine.  
I have hunted hard, been bruised and scarred, thoughts kept me up at night,  
Have wept a little, been stuck in the middle, challenged wrong and right.  
I have lived with pride, and always tried to be the best I could be,  
Made mistakes, which raised my stakes in love and family.

And for my friends, when hunting begins and I am not with you,  
Take some time in your climb to just enjoy the view.  
Sit for a moment, take a breath, laugh with me a while,  
Shed a tear if need be, but bring back a smile.  
Know that I will be with you as you're hunting off the road,  
I will be laughing while your cussing as you're packing out that toad.  
Make some more memories, and share one or two  
Look forward to the future in all your yet to do.

With these words now written here, I will finish my life,  
With days, weeks or years yet to come, I will share them with my wife  
And friends that I treasure, memories we have yet to make  
I will live my life to the fullest, whatever route it'll take  
When they come to call me up I can say with pride,  
"Thank you God for my life, cause man what a ride!"



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